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I hope you and your family had a great Fourth of July weekend. I was honored to be a part of a Fourth of July event in Wrightsville, and we had a wonderful time.

Congress was not in session last week, but I didn't take the week off. Instead, I used the week to conduct my annual Veterans Town Hall Tour. During a week when we celebrate our nation's freedom, I had the pleasure of thanking in person some of the folks who defended that freedom. I conducted town hall meetings with veterans groups in five counties across the 12th District of Georgia: Savannah, Glennville, Statesboro, Augusta, and Milledgeville. Veterans from all over shared the struggles they're facing, but also some of the improvements they've seen lately. If you were able to stop by, thanks for coming. If not, I hope to see you sometime soon.

I also got to meet with car dealership owners to talk about the recent closures and how we can help minimize the damage in our area. We talked about the need to protect our local dealerships as the auto companies go through bankruptcy proceedings, and how to make sure the process for closing dealerships is fair.

Now I'm back in Washington for what should be an extremely busy couple of weeks. I'll keep you posted, and I hope you'll let me know if you have any questions or concerns.